

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2006.

No claims are amended. Claims 98-102, 104-106, and 113-124 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. As a result, claims 19, 20, 80, 81, 83, 84, and 107-110 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 104 and 114 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Azuma et al. (U.S. 5,708,302).

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant does not admit that Azuma et al. is prior art with respect to claims 104 and 114. Applicant cancels claims 104 and 114 without disclaimer or prejudice to move the application forward.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 105 and 116 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blodgett et al. (U.S. 5,811,990) in view of Azuma et al. (U.S. 5,708,302).

Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant does not admit that Blodgett et al. and Azuma et al. are prior art with respect to claims 105 and 116. Applicant cancels claims 105 and 116 without disclaimer or prejudice to move the application forward.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19, 20, 80, 81, 83, 84 and 107-110 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 19, 20, 80, 81, 83, 84 and 107-110.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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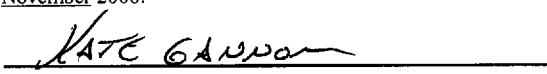
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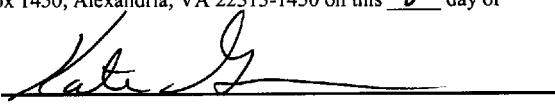
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